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WE MUST STOP 'MISERY' OF A34

Fresh calls for diamond interchange in north Abingdon

OXFORD West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood is calling for the A34 at North Abingdon to be improved, with the installation of a full diamond interchange at Lodge Hill.

The MP has launched an online campaign for the creation of slip roads leading to the northbound carriageway, and from the southbound carriageway to Oxford Road.

It comes as millions of pounds worth of improvements are being planned at Hinksey Hill and the Milton Interchange near Didcot.

Ms Blackwood said: "I am pleased the Department for Transport has announced some improvements to the A34 but much more needs to be done.

"The A34 is an economic pipeline for Oxfordshire and we simply cannot carry on putting up with London levels of congestion on a daily basis.

"It is not only creating misery for commuters but also acting as a barrier to the growth we so desperately need locally and nationally."

By **Adam Flinn**
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This is not the first time that plans to create a diamond interchange at Lodge Hill have been suggested, with Liberal Democrats in Abingdon campaigning for it for a number of years.

Cllr Tony de Vere, Vale of White Horse District Councillor for Abbey Barton Ward and chair of the Oxford West and Abingdon Liberal Democrats, believes it is something that would hugely benefit the town.

He said: "Lodge Hill is in desperate need of a proper interchange so we can divert some of the traffic away from Abingdon.

"I even know the engineer who was involved with building the thing, and he said at the time 'why don't we put the proper slip roads in?'

"If Ms Blackwood wants to petition, she's the person to actually go and do something about it as the local MP, and there's no question that people will feel the benefits."

• *Nicola Blackwood MP*

A spokesperson for the Department for Transport said: "The Government recognises the vital importance of the A34, both as a main route between the midlands and the south coast, and to towns and cities like Oxford.

"We are investing millions of pounds in relieving congestion at well known pinch points, with two schemes on the A34 completed by spring 2015.

"In the meantime, we will continue to work with local authorities to plan improvements that will support growth."

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Child sex pervert now behind bars

AN OXFORD man has been jailed for five years after he was convicted of causing a child to engage in a sexual act, and possessing and distributing indecent images of children.

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Keith Godfrey, 69, of St Nicholas Park, Old Marston, was sentenced last Thursday at Oxford Crown Court relating to 15 offences.

This included five counts of making indecent images of children, nine counts of distributing indecent images of children, and one count of causing a child to engage in a sexual act.

He had pleaded guilty to the offences at an earlier hearing, after the abuse came to light when an image was found on Godfrey's computer, showing him abusing a boy in Thailand.

Godfrey was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for the first five offences and two years' imprisonment for the next nine offences, all of which to run concurrently of each other.

He was then sentenced to three years' imprisonment for the final offence to run consecutively of the other sentences, resulting in a total of five years.

Detective Constable Simon Beaton, of the Paedophile Online Investigation Team, spoke about the case following the sentencing.

He said: "This investigation focussed on the activities of Keith Godfrey, an individual who abused a child and chatted openly with other Internet users about his sexual interest in children.

"He accessed, stored and shared a large amount of indecent images of children.

"Travelling away from the UK to commit sexual offences against children will not prevent the police from pursuing paedophiles.

"These acts and images of these acts are abhorrent in nature, and Thames Valley Police is committed to protecting our communities from people who act in this way."

• *Keith Godfrey*

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Development to be called 'Barton Park'

AN 800-home development in Oxford that was approved by the city council in September will be named Barton Park, following consultations with the local community.

The name was chosen by pupils at Bayards Hill School, who had been asked to create a logo for the new area.

Members of the community were also invited to attend drop-in sessions with the school and retailers during the outline planning application consultation, with Barton Park being the most popular name choice.

David Edwards, executive director for city regeneration at Oxford City Council, was pleased with the new name.

He said: "The development process for the new Barton development is moving very fast, and the council is delighted with the high level of community engagement in the naming discussion.

"The integration of the new and old communities is a key objective of the scheme design and the name that has been chosen will support that integration very effectively."

James Robinson of developers Grosvenor said: "The Barton Park name will help quickly establish the neighbourhood as a destination in its own right.

"Most importantly, it reflects the ambition to integrate the new community with existing residents at Barton."

Bus company ready for low emission restrictions

A FLEET of Oxford buses have been fitted with special banners proclaiming they are ready for the introduction of the city's low emission zone.

As of January 1, the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) will be implemented and in anticipation the Oxford Bus Company have unveiled signs proclaiming: "I'm set for LEZ".

From next year, buses operating within the LEZ will have to meet stringent 'Euro V' standards for nitrogen in an attempt to improve air quality.

The new signs were unveiled by John Tanner, Oxford City Council's cabinet member for a Cleaner, Greener Oxford and Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for transport, David Nimmo-Smith.

Over the last five years, Oxford Bus Company has invested £15million in environmentally friendly vehicles including state of the art electric hybrid buses.

Philip Kirk, managing director of Oxford Bus Company said: "They can cut fuel consumption by as much as 39 per cent.

"This in turn reduces CO2 emissions by a similar amount.

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Man assaulted

POLICE are looking for a white van driver who headbutted a 28-year-old man in Park End Street last Friday morning following a traffic dispute.

The two men grappled on the ground following the incident until a passer-by pulled the offender away, who then drove off. The victim was uninjured.

The offender is described as white, of medium build, aged in his forties with short grey hair. Anyone with information should call 101.

Can you help?

THAMES Valley Police is asking for your help in identifying recent offenders in Botley and South Hinksey.

Officers wish to identify a male who they believe shoplifted from Lloyds Chemist, The Square, Botley.

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'Still too many empty shops in Abingdon'

By Adam Flinn
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A PROMINENT town councillor has spoken of her concern that there are still too many empty shops in Abingdon, and things don't seem to be changing.

Cllr Alison Rooke, deputy leader of Abingdon Town Council, says that while the number of independent shops is pleasing, there are still worries over the number of empty units.

It comes as several shops in Abingdon are moving premises to other parts of the town, although there is a lack of new retailers coming into the area.

Cllr Rooke said: "Obviously for the shops that are moving around, it's their business decision to where they think the best place for them is to be, which is great.

"If their business is doing well, then that's absolutely fantastic that they can move on like that.

"But the real concern is the net number of empty shops doesn't seem to be changing at all, and that is a worry.

"We also need to encourage people into the centre of Abingdon and to recognise there really are some fantastic shops in the town and they're unique shops, not your generic shops you can get anywhere.

"Big names are good, as long as they don't destroy the independent shops. It's a delicate balance."

One of the shops moving in Abingdon is New Look, which moves into a bigger unit within the Abbey Shopping Centre on November 28.

Philosophy Hairdressers are moving to the Market Place from their location on Bridge Street, which will be filled by newsagents ER Goff under their new name of Simon's News.

Sean Antony Hairdressing is also moving to Bridge Street, from its current location on Ock Street.

The refurbishment of the Abbey Shopping Centre, formerly known as the Bury Street Precinct, was completed at the start of the year.

A spokesperson from New River Retail, who run the shopping centre on behalf of owners Scottish Widows Investment Partnerhip, was unavailable for comment.

• *Cllr Alison Rooke is concerned with the number of empty shops in Abingdon*

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Broadband

BUSINESSES in Abingdon and the Vale of White Horse are being invited to find out the importance of broadband at a forum taking place next month.

Vale4Business is hosting 'Why broadband is important to businesses' at the Four Pillars Hotel in Abingdon on December 2, featuring a number of representatives from the industry.

It is free for Vale4Business members and £5 for other business owners.

Autumn show

THE Abingdon and District Music Society (ADMS) are holding their autumn concert on Saturday, featuring the music of Vaughan Williams, Britten, Butterworth and Mozart.

ADMS have been performing since 1946, and consist of a mixed voice choir and full symphony orchestra.

Saturday's concert takes place at St Helen and St Katherine School from 7.30pm, and tickets cost £12 on the door.

For more information, go to www.adms.org.uk/concerts.

Hundreds of Culham Centre jobs are secure

AROUND 600 jobs are set to be secured at the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy, after European Parliament voted through a spending plan on Tuesday.

Culham is home to the European JET experiment, a powerful fusion device which sees 600 scientists and engineers investigating the potential of fusion power as an energy source for future generations.

JET is currently the only device in the world that can achieve fusion, and is an essential experiment on the route to its international successor ITER, and then fusion power stations.

Sharon Bowles, member of the European Parliament for South East England, was pleased with the vote.

She said: "Fusion energy is the energy of the future, so I am very happy the European Parliament has voted to ensure funding for the JET project at Culham.

"There are approximately 600 people employed to work on JET and new funding will help secure many of their jobs. This is a big win for the EU and for JET."

Dr Francesco Romanelli, associate leader of JET, said: "The experiments carried out at JET provide key results for ITER. Support for the operation of JET is very important in ensuring the success of ITER towards the development of fusion energy."

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Food waste extravaganza

A FOOD waste extravaganza offering the people of Oxford a free lunch using farm food that would have gone uneaten is taking place in Bonn Square today.

Disco Soup gives visitors the chance to chop up fruit and veg to make their own free hot soup, cook along to music and press their own apple juice.

It is part of a number of events that have been taking place in Oxfordshire this week for European Week for Waste Reduction, encouraging people to reduce waste, reuse materials and recycle more.

Cllr David Dodds, chairman of Oxfordshire Waste Partnership, said: "It's fantastic to see so much happening. As well as recycling over 60 per cent of all waste, Oxfordshire residents generate the least amount of waste per person in the country. These events all help contribute to this impressive performance and give us more ideas of how to keep it up."

Organiser Dot Tiwari, from Abundance Oxford, said: "Following successful events in Germany and France, we're really excited to bring Disco Soup to the UK for the first time.

"We're looking to bring food that would have otherwise gone to waste, to the masses!"

Do not get driven to distraction...

DESPITE boasting the lowest figures in the south for people who have points on their license for being distracted at the wheel, Oxford's drivers have been warned of the dangers of multi-tasking on the road.

Brake, a road safety charity, has revealed that 2,380 drivers in the city have points on their license for driving a vehicle while using a hand-held mobile phone or interactive communication device.

The figure is over 4,500 less than Twickenham where 7,198 people have points for what is termed as a CU80 driving offence.

However, in total there are 7,495 people in Oxford with points on their license in comparison to 4,204 drivers in Slough.

The figures have been released by the charity to highlight the start of Road Safety Week which calls on drivers to be more focused on the roads to prevent crashes caused by multi-tasking at the wheel.

Laura Woods, campaigns officer at Brake, believes that smart phones pose a dangerous temptation to drivers to divert their concentration away from the road.

By **Jack Johnson**
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She said: "Many people who wouldn't dream of drink-driving are succumbing to using their phone and other distractions while driving, oblivious that the effect can be similar and the consequences just as horrific.

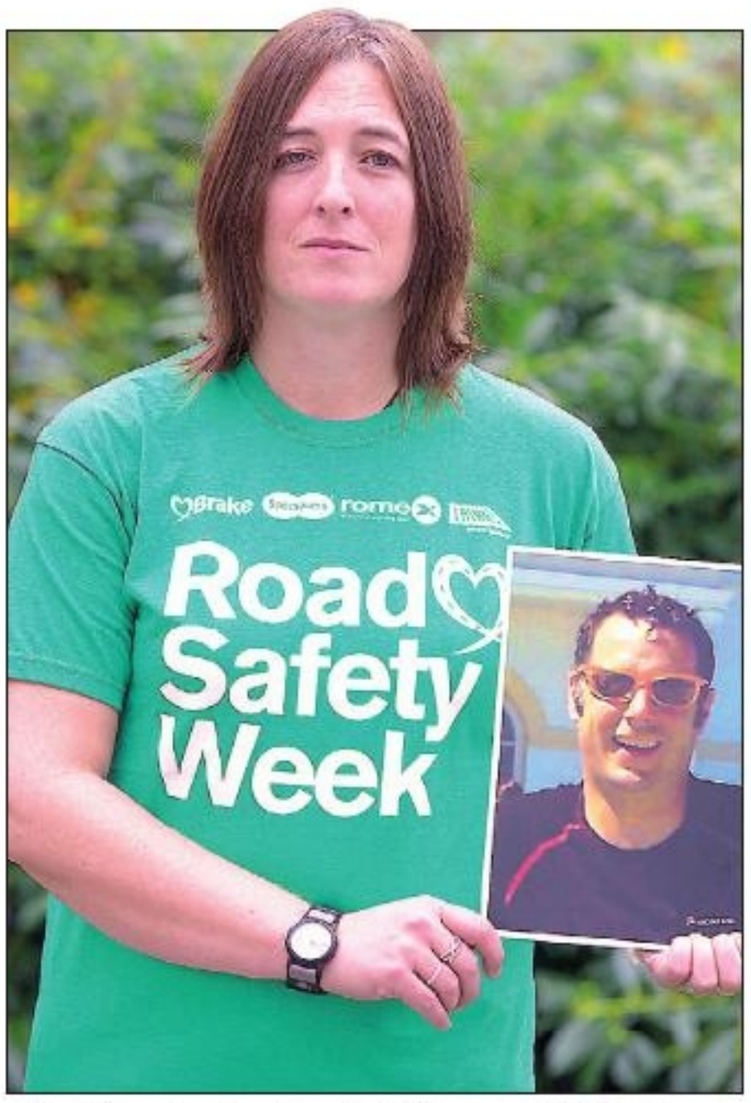
"We're appealing to everyone to refuse to chat to someone on the phone who's driving, to help them arrive safely."

A 39-year-old man from Eynsham, five miles north of Oxford, was killed when cycling in May last year by a driver who was eating at the wheel. Joe Wilkins' partner Nicci Saunders is supporting the Road Safety Week and spoke of how her life and that of her two daughters will never be the same again.

She said: "Road crashes are avoidable, and Joe's death could have been prevented so easily by the driver giving his full attention to driving.

"No one wants to go through what we are going through so I'm asking everyone to help prevent tragedies like this.

"Please remember it doesn't just happen to other people."



• *Nicci Saunders' partner Joe Wilkins was killed last year*

Women clergy pioneers to visit Oxford

THE first women to be ordained in the country along with campaigners for female priests will be in Oxford in June.

They will be at the Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral and the exhibition and panel discussion at St Mary the Virgin on High Street to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the ordination of women priests.

The Revd Rose Hudson Wilkin, chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and Professor Helen King, a General Synod member and licensed lay preacher will be among those on the panel, along with the Rt Revd Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham and a young curate. Revd Dr Amanda Bloor, one of the organisers, said: "We are celebrating people who have worked so hard in the past to allow the full inclusion of women in the Church of England and to track all the incredible achievements that have happened over 20 years. This isn't the end of something, it is a stage on the journey."

Revd Judith Maltby, chaplain of Corpus Christi College in Oxford will be chairing the panel. She was one of the first 70 women priests to be ordained in the Oxford Diocese 20 years ago and said the idea of the panel was to "respond to the past" and "look forward to the future".

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TV church set for carol performance

A BAMPTON church that has been used in the filming of drama series Downton Abbey is host to a Christmas carol concert on December 7, to be attended by Esther Rantzen and Alexander Armstrong.

The concert, at St Mary's Church, is raising money for the NSPCC's ChildLine Schools Service, which educates schoolchildren about how to protect themselves from abuse.

It aims to go to every primary school every two years, with a target to reach the 282 schools across the county by 2016.

Fiona Turner, NSPCC community fundraising manager for Oxfordshire, said: "The Bampton concert is set to be a wonderful festive event in the run-up to Christmas, and we're so pleased to be joined by Esther and Alexander.

"We hope to raise in the region of £5,000 through the evening, and all monies raised will go towards running out ChildLine Schools Service.

"It's received great feedback in other areas where we've launched throughout the UK, and our team are really looking forward to visiting local schools as we roll the service out in Oxfordshire."

Over 100 turn out for Shell protests

By **Adam Flinn**
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GREENPEACE protestors held a quiet vigil outside the Shell petrol station on London Road, Oxford, on Saturday, as a response to the 'Arctic 30' group detained in Russia.

Twenty-eight activists and two journalists were held in St Petersburg, although at time of print, 14 of the group have been granted bail, two of them Britons.

Protestors were demanding that Shell pull out from their planned joint venture of Arctic drilling with Russian company Gazprom.

Around 120 protestors were in force at the garage on Saturday night, and held a torchlight vigil to urge Gazprom to release the Greenpeace activists.

Steve Ball organised the Oxford protest, as his brother Phillip is one of the Greenpeace activists currently in custody in Russia.

He said: "The protest went absolutely brilliantly, outstandingly well. We were really pleased with the turnout, and everything was well managed.

• *Folk singer Peggy Seeger was one of the protestors in Oxford on Saturday evening*

"Out of the 120, 12 of them were regular Greenpeace activists, and the whole of the rest were Oxfordshire people who came out to support us.

"It will have got the whole issue back into the public eye. I'm sure that will filter back to the prosecutors in Russia, and I can only hope it has some influence.

"Shell aren't strictly linked with Gazprom at the moment, other than they are in negotiations to go into partnership with them in the Arctic.

"We're hoping they realise Gazprom has a tremendously bad name, and is making it worse by keeping these activists in custody."

A spokesperson for Shell said: "We respect the right of individuals and organisations to engage in a free and frank exchange of views about meeting the world's growing energy needs.

"Recognising the right of individuals to express their point of view, we only ask that they do so in a manner that is lawful and does not place their safety or the safety of others at risk."

However, Shell declined to comment on Gazprom or the activists. Another round of protests is planned soon, with further details about times and locations to be announced in the near future.

Cutting out winter crime

POLICE officers across South Oxfordshire and the Vale are working hard this winter to ensure people do not become the victims of crime.

The South and Vale LPA is one of the safest in the Thames Valley but between April 1 and October 31 this year there was a 21 per cent increase in theft from vehicles compared to the same period last year.

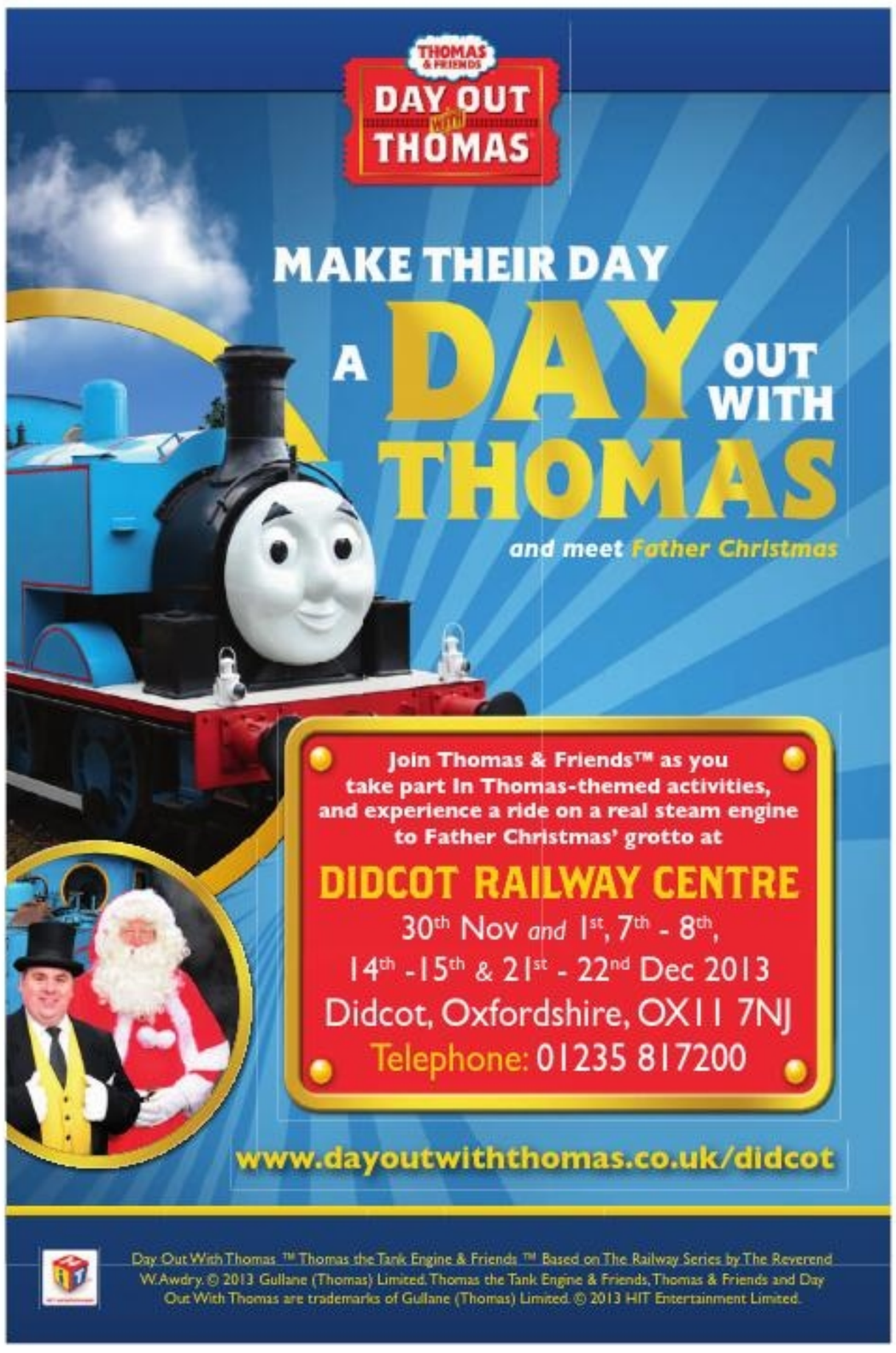
Although burglary dwelling figures are down by 20 per cent in comparison to the same period, officers have issued tips in order to make sure people take the right steps to avoid becoming victims of crime over the festive period.

The first piece of advice is to prevent access to the rear of your household by padlocking gates and using Prikka-Strips on walls and fences.

Officers also recommend marking property with SmartWater and making your house look occupied by keeping lights on, and, to avoid valuables such as iPads, laptops and tools being taken from your car, ensure your vehicle is empty and does not have property on show.

As the evenings draw in, Ali Smith, crime prevention and reduction advisor, is keen to get the message across.

She said: "It is still catching people out. People forget that it gets dark at 4.30pm and not having any lights on is such an indication to burglars that no one is home."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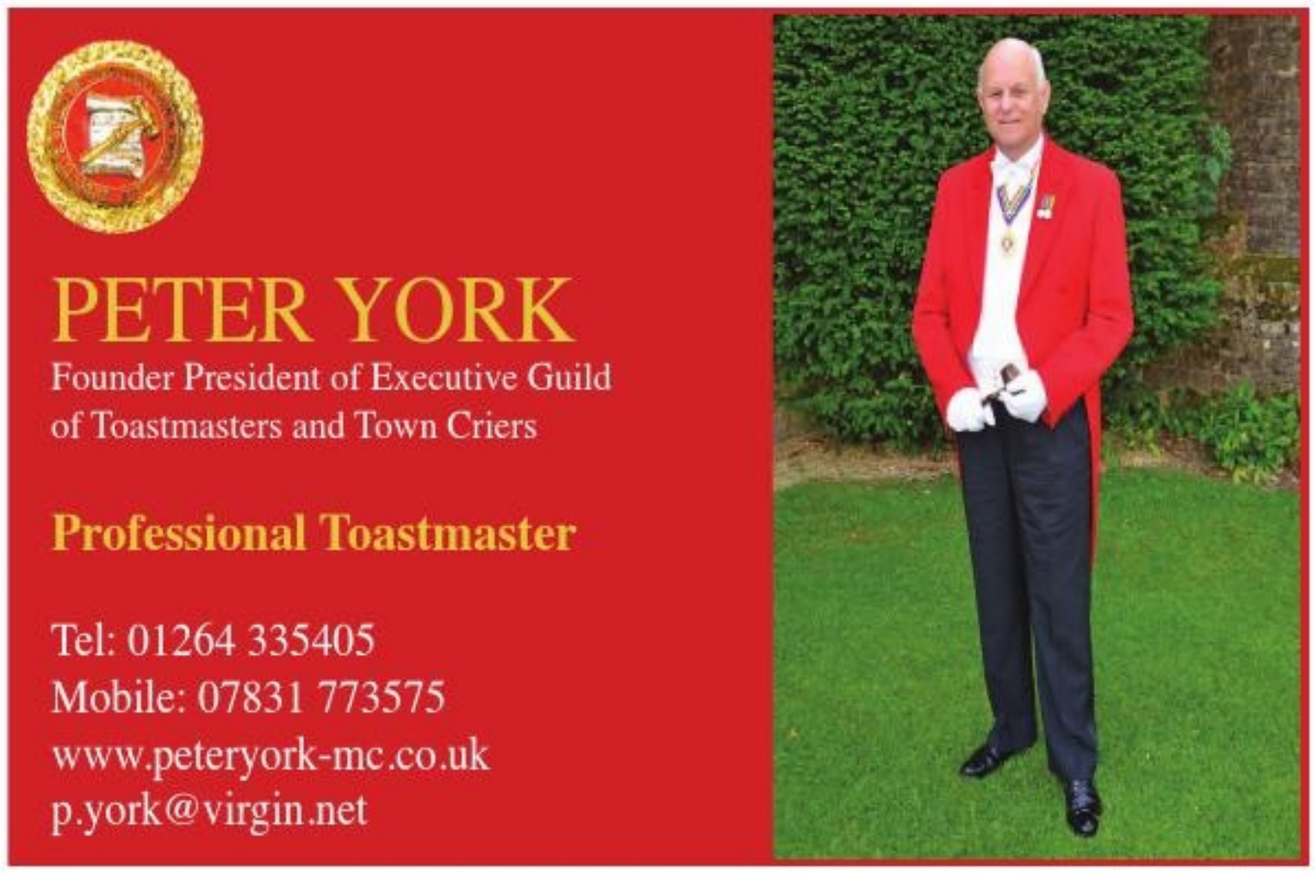

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West Oxon defiant over bus services

Has anybody seen this man?

POLICE are re-appealing to the public as they still wish to identify a man who was hare coursing in Oxfordshire in October.

The offender and another man were seen at Easington Manor, Cuxham, near Watlington, on October 12.

A white male, who is believed to be around 35-years-old, who was wearing a country style waistcoat and checked shirt, and another male who was unshaven and wearing a white T-shirt were approached by the aggrieved.

Both men are said to have spoken with Irish accents and were filmed by the aggrieved before becoming irate.

The men, who had two Lurcher dogs, left the scene in an unidentified vehicle.

If you recognise this man or have any information regarding the offence, call 101 or Crimestoppers.

LOCAL councillors in West Oxfordshire have sent a "strong and clear" message to the county council that the current level of subsidy for bus services must be protected and maintained.

The consultation into subsidised bus services in Witney, Woodstock and Chipping Norton closed at the end of last week with the results set to be published next April.

Cllr Barry Norton, leader of West Oxfordshire District Council, said the bus services are vital to the communities and "are the absolute minimum required".

The Oxfordshire Guardian reported last week that seven routes in West Oxfordshire could be withdrawn and 17 others reduced.

Routes under threat include the 23A, 113, 233, 811, C1, T1 and X9. Those facing potential reductions are the 11,18, 19, 64, 203, 213, 214, 215, 220, 223, 224, 224A, 233, 242, 242A, W3 and X8A.

Cllr Norton said: "For many people in our rural district they are an essential lifeline for accessing shops, getting to work and visiting health and other service centres.

"They are tremendously important to prevent people feeling isolated and for community cohesion."

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Census data revealed 25 per cent of the district's population is over 60.

Cllr Norton added: "We have an ageing population and predictions are for our district to have an ever increasing percentage of older people. Our elderly and vulnerable residents are particularly likely to rely on local bus services."

Reviews of subsidised bus services routinely take place in each part of the county every six years.

Cllr David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for transport at the county council, said: "When resources are limited officers have to make difficult decisions as regards the level of subsidy allocated to some bus services.

"In an ideal world the county would fund a network of frequent peak and off-peak services linking all villages to their nearest town or to Oxford, but clearly this would require far greater subsidy than has ever been available."

MP's Corner

Nicola Blackwood

MP for Oxford West and Abingdon

A clarion call for reform...

RECENTLY, the OECD released a report on adult skills, comparing adult skill levels in England to 24 other developed countries. It ranked us nearly bottom for literacy and numeracy for 16- to 24-year-olds. Uniquely among developed nations, our older generation performs better than our youth. This was a clarion call for reform of our education and skills system. We must do whatever we can, open up opportunities for young people and enable them to achieve their full potential.

Of course industry experience is key to this process and that is why it is right that the Government has identified the quality of vocational qualifications as one of the challenges facing jobseekers and is reforming Apprenticeships, to improve their quality to ensure we develop a skilled, technical workforce.

This means that in future, Apprenticeships will be based on standards designed by employers to meet their needs and the needs of their sector making them simpler for businesses and more valuable for the wider economy. Finally, of course, in order to ensure that the new standards are rigorous, and that each Apprenticeship has value to the individual as they seek to master skills and progress in their career, there will be a small number of criteria set by the government that all Apprenticeship standards must meet. All Apprenticeships will be independently and consistently assessed to ensure that the qualifications retain their value for the apprentice.

On October 27, I joined the Prime Minister, Matt Hancock MP, the Minister for Skills and Enterprise, and Esther McVey MP, the Employment Minister, during their visit to the BMW Mini Plant in Oxford to launch these new Apprenticeships. We met 30 young women from across the UK who are considering a career in engineering, and currently participating in the 'Girls Go Technical' programme, and over 700 Apprentices from across the country quizzed the Prime Minister on issues that affected them.

Time and again Apprentices asked what the Government was doing to raise the status of vocational qualifications, like Apprenticeships, so that employers and others understood their value. Well, these reforms are an enormous step in the right direction.

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THAMES Valley Police is calling upon your help to identify people who have offended across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse.

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something about the crime that was committed, call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

** These men were involved in shoplifting from the Acorn Service Station in Faringdon on September 29.*

• A wallet and credit card were stolen in the Wallingford area. The card was used to withdraw £299 from Nationwide in St Marys Street, Wallingford, and again in the Birmingham area when the offender tried to purchase £2,000 of jewellery.

• The male pictured is suspected of bilking at the BP Garage in Benson on September 18.

• This man is suspected of bilking from the Park Road Esso Garage in Faringdon on October 22.

•This man is also under suspicion of bilking at Benson's BP Garage.

MP's Corner

Andrew Smith
MP for Oxford East

'It's totally overwhelming'

All natural disasters bring terrible suffering, but every so often there is one which seems totally overwhelming in its scale.

Everyone who has seen the evidence of the impact of the typhoon which hit the Philippines will feel for the families of all those who have lost their lives or have seen their homes devastated. It is a reminder of how fortunate we are to live on a temperate island where extreme weather events, whilst terrible enough, are on nothing remotely the same scale.

Many local people will have friends or family from the Philippines, many of whom work in our hospitals. Hospital staff have pulled together to cover the shifts of those whose family members are affected by the disaster and many have donated their time and money to help with the relief effort. I have been privileged to attend community events where the vibrancy, friendliness and humanity of the Philippine community have been much in evidence, and it is fantastic to see the whole community rallying together in this way to provide them with support.

The response has been incredible and at a time where many families are struggling to make ends meet it is heartening to witness the generosity with which people have reacted. The UK's Disasters Emergency Committee has revealed that donations have now reached £33m – in addition to £50m pledged by the UK Government. It is also heartening to know we have Oxfam working from our county to get help to those who need it most. Oxfam has been working tirelessly with the Disasters Emergency Committee to provide essential aid to the victims and has already airlifted 20 tonnes of food, water and sanitation equipment.

The needs, however, are unimaginably great, with thousands of people displaced, and near-total devastation reported in some areas. Victims desperately need the basics of food, water and shelter. The money that is raised will go towards delivering these essentials and it is critical that we continue to provide this help. As well as the immediate and pressing need for water, food, shelter and medicines, there is clearly going to be a massive long-term job of work to help rebuild communities which have been totally torn apart.

Our hearts go out to all those who have relatives and friends touched by this awful disaster, and I know that local people will support the government and charities in making sure that Britain plays a full part in helping the people of the Philippines, now and for years to come.

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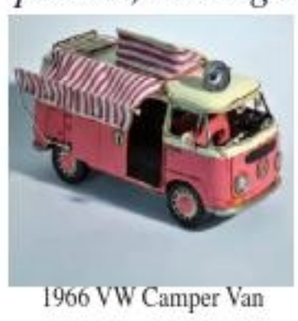
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Tower designs

CONSULTATIONS regarding the design plans for five Oxford tower blocks are set to begin today, as part of a project to improve the living environment for over 700 residents that live in them.

Tower blocks included in the programme are Evenlode Tower and Windrush Tower in Blackbird Leys, Foresters Tower in Wood Farm, Hockmore Tower in Cowley and Plowman Tower in Northway.

The four consultations start today and end on November 27, with each focussing on a particular tower block.

Charity quiz

THE Oxford Belfry hotel near Thame is host to a charity quiz night and supper next Thursday, raising money for Helen & Douglas House.

Teams of eight to 10 people are invited to take part in the general knowledge quiz, with prizes on offer including a spa day, bed and breakfast stay at the hotel and a leisure club membership.

Tickets are on sale until tomorrow, and cost £10 per person. To book, contact the Oxford Belfry on 01844 279381 or email tbravey@qhotels.co.uk.

Oxpens development is 'a rare opportunity'

THE Oxpens development has moved a step closer, following the approval of the Oxpens Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) by Oxford City Council last week.

It would be used to create housing, offices, research and development space, a hotel, local amenities and public open space at the site, in accordance with the council's West End Area Action Plan.

The plan outlines the policies for development on the Oxpens site, while the SPD will determine how these policies can be implemented.

Cllr Colin Cook, board member for city development, said: "The Oxpens site represents one of the most significant development opportunities in Oxford city centre.

"It provides us with a rare opportunity to create a new city centre neighbourhood, and it is great to see a key part of our vision for the regeneration of the West End come a step closer."

Oxpens is a key project in the Oxford City Deal proposal, with the potential to deliver up to 300 new homes and support over 1,000 jobs.

The council is working closely with major landowners in the area ahead of the development commencing, to develop a joint venture strategy for the area.

Members of the public were invited to comment on the draft Oxpens SPD over the summer, resulting in 143 representations made during the consultation period.

The council have said that the vast majority of the representations received were in favour of the proposed long-term vision, with revisions made where appropriate to the SPD.

Oxpens' redevelopment is part of a wider vision of the West End of the city centre, which also includes the expansion of Oxford Station, the transformation of Frideswide Square and the redevelopment of the Westgate Centre.

For more information about the development, go to www.oxfordwestend.co.uk.

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Landlady toasts lifetime achievement award

A WITNEY licensee has beaten off competition from 1,300 other pub operators to receive a national Lifetime Achievement Award, at a ceremony organized by Star Pubs and Bars.

Yvonne Laight, licensee of the Windrush Inn on Burford Road, was presented with her award by former snooker world champion John Parrott, following her 18 years of service at the pub. Judges were impressed by Yvonne's length of service, enthusiasm and commitment to high standards of quality.

Yvonne took over the Windrush in 1995, and she said: "The pub was in need of a lot of tender loving care but I could see its potential and thought it would be a doddle to take on. How wrong I was! But I've loved nearly every minute of it, and it feels the time has gone in the blink of an eye."

Chris Jowsey, Star Pubs and Bars trading director, said: "When you consider all the other businesses that have come and gone on Witney's High Street in the last 20 years, Yvonne's achievement is a true accolade to her skill. We are delighted that the Windrush is staying in the Laight family under the management of Yvonne's son Jeremy, and hope to be toasting him in the same way in another 20 years."

• *Yvonne and her husband John receive the award from snooker legend John Parrott*

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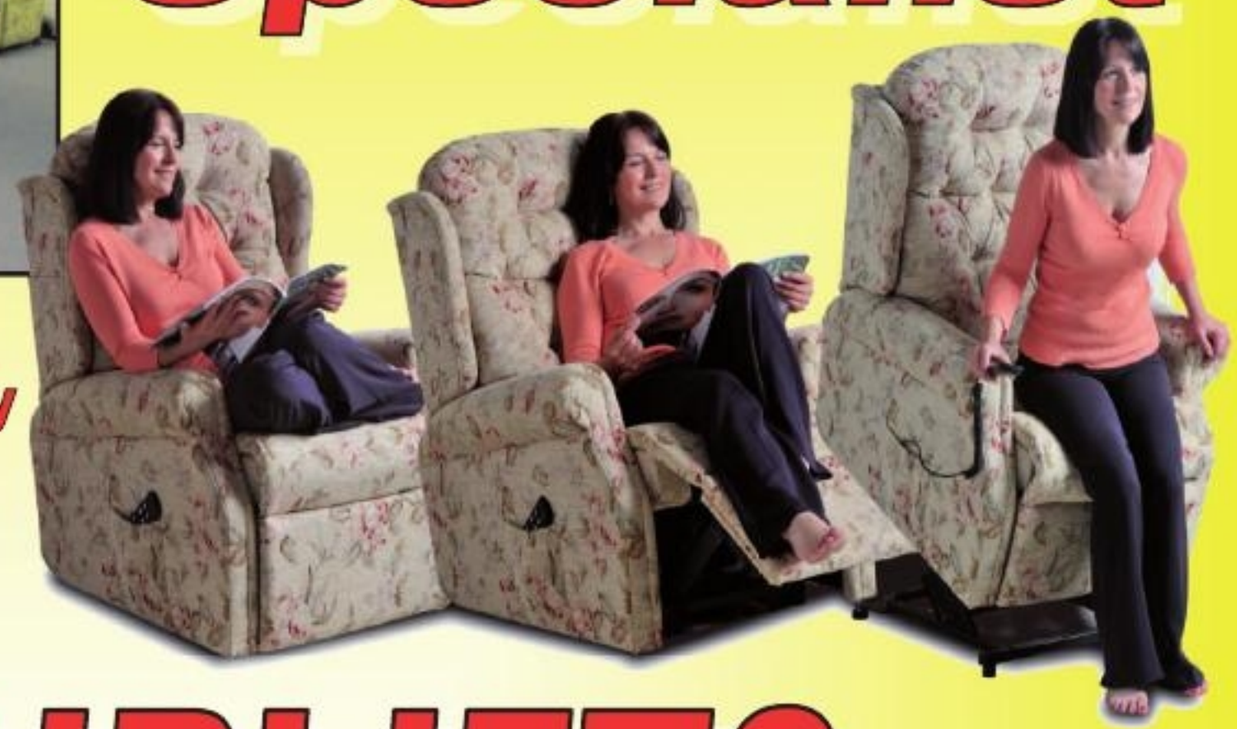

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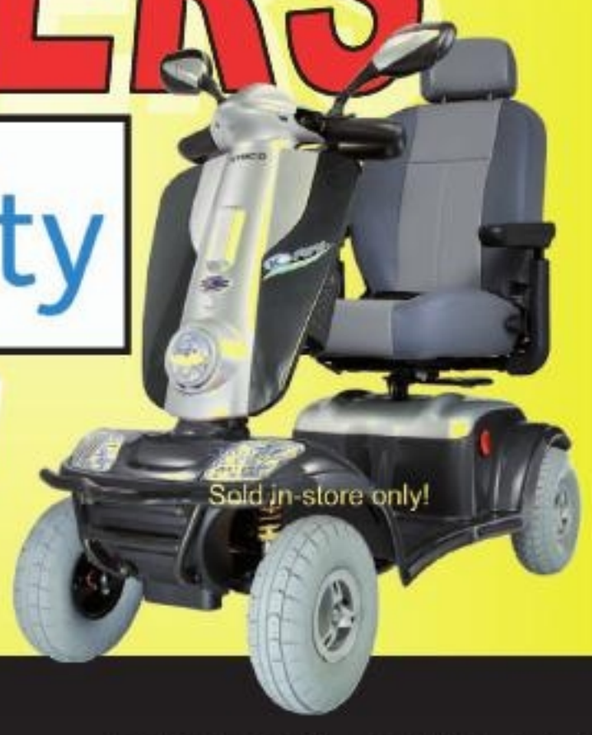

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POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a theft from a taxi in Banbury, which happened in Beesley Road last Wednesday. Offenders smashed the front drivers' window while it was parked on a private driveway, and stole a tin containing cash before heading in the direction of Cromwell Road.

Dog attack

A four-year-old boy was attacked by a dog in Banbury while he was playing football with his father in the recreation ground between St Johns and The Grange School.

The Rottweiler bit the boy on the leg and ripped his trousers, although he was not injured.

The dog was owned by a boy aged between 14 and 16 of average build, around 5ft 10ins with short black hair in a side parting.

House fire

FIRE crews in Cropredy, near Banbury, battled a living room fire last week. Crews were met with smoke coming out of the front door of the house in High Street. Watch manager David Edge, said: "The quick actions of the crews ensured fire and smoke damage was kept to a minimum."

Benson honours those who go the extra mile

By Jack Johnson
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• (Left to right) Cpl Craig Moorhouse, SAC Justin Miles, Marie Hazell and SAC Samuel Japp

RAF Benson's station commander issued a special thanks to service and civilian staff as their hard work was celebrated at the annual awards dinner.

Nominees from all branches and trades attended the annual formal Benson 74 awards dinner last week.

Winners for the Loyalty, Teamwork, Resourcefulness and Innovation, Professional Excellence and the Spirit of Benson were announced at the dinner which is held to ensure that personnel are recognised for going the extra mile.

Ms Marie Hazell, the cleaner at 230 Squadron, received the Loyalty award, Corporal Craig Moorhouse was presented with the Teamwork award and Senior Aircraftman Samuel Japp was given the Resourcefulness and Innovation award.

Senior Aircraftman Justin Miles picked up the Professional Excellence award while the Spirit of Benson award was presented to Senior Aircraftwoman Stacey Hadlum.

Group Captain Nigel Colman, station commander, said: "The depth of character, commitment and dedication shown by our nominees and award winners has been exceptional.

"It made me extremely proud to read the nominations and I give my sincere thanks for what they do on a daily basis.

"We are a team and thanks to all their efforts, from one end of the spectrum to the other and across all boundaries, we are very well prepared for anything that may be thrown at us in the future."

Ms Hazell received the award for her tireless efforts to keep the Eurocopter Tigers and offices clean while SAC Japp was rewarded for his innovative redesign of the station cafe and sports bar.

Cpl Moorhouse was presented with the Teamwork award for leading a team working in sub-zero conditions throughout long shifts in order that a trials aircraft could be produced to a tight deadline.

SAC Miles, an ICT technician working within the Engineering and Logistics Wing, was presented with the Professional Excellence award for his contribution to secret computer equipment.

Lastly, SAC Hadlum, a general technician who works within the Engineering Support Squadron, received the Spirit of Benson award for her role in the Armed Forces Rally Team Vehicle Build Challenge.

A co-driver and team welder for the Armed Forces Rally Team, she helped to build a new Rally Vehicle from a rolling chassis to the finished article in just 36 hours.

The Benson Annual Awards began several years ago to ensure that personnel were recognised for going the extra mile.

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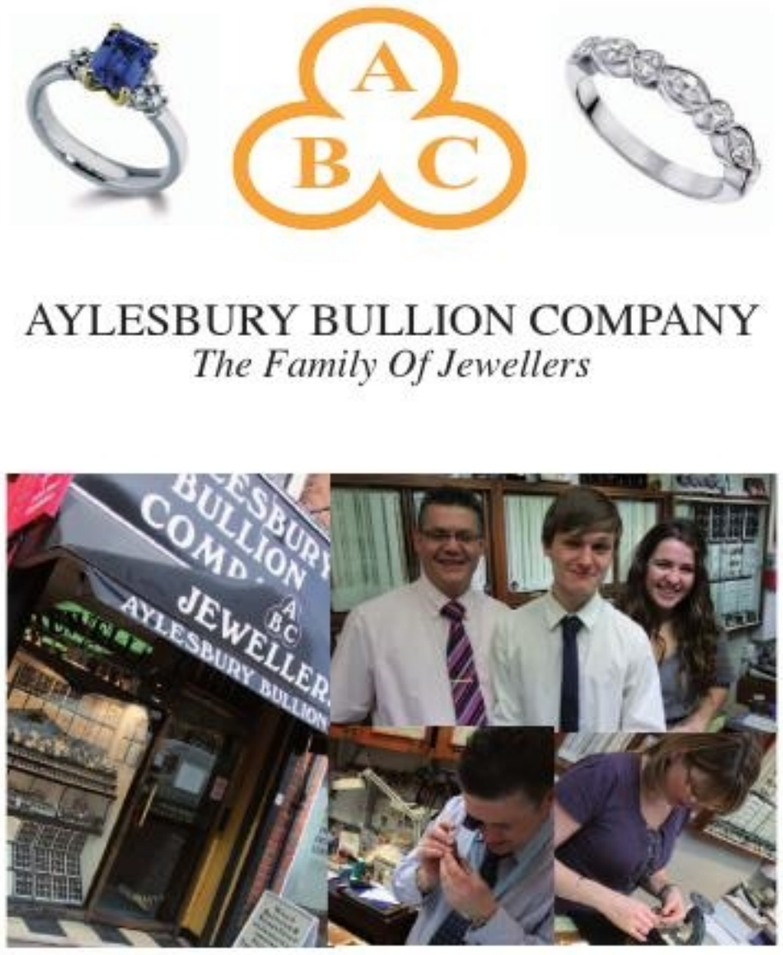

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BMW's factory's in Oxford, Swindon and Hams Hall will benefit from a £750million investment as the new MINI was unveiled to the world.

The investment at the car plant in Cowley will see a new 1,000-robot body shop while ensuring additional job security for its employees.

Prime Minister David Cameron was lucky enough to see the new MINI when he visited the factory last month and spoke highly of the new investments made by the company.

Mr Cameron said: "This £750 million investment is great news for both the local and wider economy, along with the 5,500 workers whose jobs are safeguarded by this launch.

By Jack Johnson
jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk

"Car manufacturing is a vital engine for growth.

"Production is back up to pre-recession levels and a car rolls off the line every 20 seconds in the UK. But we're not complacent.

"Our industrial strategy is a key part of the Government's economic plan and we're helping to drive the car industry further and faster with over £4bn of investment."

Harald Krueger, BMW Group's board member for production, added: "Our total investment of £750million in our British production locations of Oxford, Swindon and Hams Hall between 2012 and 2015 underscores the importance of the MINI production triangle within our global production network.

"The UK is the heart of MINI production – thanks to the experience, competence and strong commitment of all our employees."

The new car is said to be "completely new from the ground up in an effort to optimise its styling, function and performance" and its market launch is in Spring next year.

• *Prime Minister David Cameron and Peter Schwarzenbauer, BMW Group's board member for MINI (Picture courtesy of BMW Plant Oxford)*

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Images of rings released after burglary in Middleton Stoney

POLICE have released images of two rings that were stolen during a burglary in Middleton Stoney, near Bicester, earlier this month.

Between 1.30pm and 4.45pm on November 8, offenders gained entry to the house in Park Close by climbing onto the conservatory roof and then entering through the upstairs window.

Once inside, they stole several items of jewellery, including two Edwardian 18 carat gold rings, a diamond, sapphire and ruby carved ring and a five stone diamond ring.

The items have great sentimental value to the owner, and police are asking for anyone who has seen these items or who witnessed any suspicious activity to get in touch.

Contact PC Bryn Smith from Banbury Police Station on 101.

News Bites

Jewels stolen

A NUMBER of items of jewellery with sentimental value to the owner have been stolen from a property in Kidlington.

The incident occurred sometime between 12noon on November 8 and 12noon on November 11, when offenders gained entry to the house on Lovelace Drive by causing damage to the conservatory door.

Stolen items included a 24 carat diamond cluster eternity ring, a 24 carat single diamond engagement ring, a nine carat gold celtic cross, a rotary watch and a Gino Milano writing set.

PC Kelly Thorogood-Gates from Bicester Police Station said: "A number of stolen items hold sentimental value, and the victim and her family would like to add that if anyone knows who is responsible, all they want is for the items to be returned."

Anyone with information about the burglary is asked to contact PC Thorogood-Gates via the Thames Valley Police enquiry centre on 101.

Man charged

A 51-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with a number of historic sexual offences relating to four victims between 1999 and 2003, when he was a teacher at an Oxfordshire secondary school.

The man, from Surbiton, Surrey, was charged with two counts of indecent assault on a male under 16, three counts of indecent assaults on a male 16 and over, and one count of gross indecency with a boy under 16.

He has been released on bail to appear at Aylesbury Magistrates' Court on Tuesday.

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A good View at the O2...

POPULAR Scottish band The View come to Oxford's O2 Academy on Tuesday to perform a selection of songs from their four albums, including the number one release 'Hats Off To The Buskers'.

The tour rounds off a busy year for the four-piece band, which has seen them supporting the Stone Roses in front of 50,000 people in Glasgow as well as their own successful shows.

Doors open at 7pm. For further details, call 0844 477 2000 or go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk.

Thriller Live!

DIRECT from London's West End, Thriller Live comes to the New Theatre from Tuesday, featuring countless Michael Jackson favourites for audiences to enjoy.

The two-hour show pays homage to Jackson's illustrious career and his 40 years in the music industry. Go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or call 0844 871 3020 for more information.

'On stage is the only time I can really relax now'

POPULAR comedian Shappi Khorsandi concludes her mini UK tour at the Oxford Glee Club next Thursday, with her new show reflecting on her misspent youth.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Iranian-born Shappi has become increasingly popular in recent years, with television appearances on QI and Have I Got News For You, as well as starring on a number of radio programmes.

Oxford is the sixth and final date of the tour, coming after she celebrated the birth of her second child and her 40th birthday earlier this year.

"I'm having an enormous amount of fun!" said Shappi. "After having a baby, going out on stage is the only part of the day when I relax.

"I turned 40 this year, and the relief was indescribable, because a lot of it is reflecting on my misspent youth.

"But I love my job. It's really lovely to have that creative outlet in between nappy changes."

Shappi enjoys her television and radio commitments, but it is clear that she definitely prefers performing stand-up comedy in front of an audience.

"It's a completely different job almost," Shappi added. "When you start doing TV, it's very different to when people are in the same room as you.

"With stand-up, the audience can get on board with you, you can take the show anywhere and do anything, but on telly there isn't that intimacy.

"But it's still very good to do.

"And I loved doing Have I Got News For You. I suppose the most exciting thing is doing programmes that you watch yourself, really enjoy and dream of being on."

After the tour finishes, Shappi is set to begin a writing project, the details of which she is keeping under wraps.

There will also be a new stand-up show ready for next year's Edinburgh Festival, to be called 'Heroes and Rapscallions'.

Last entry for the show is at 7.30pm, with tickets costing £13.

For booking information, go to www.glee.co.uk/oxford or alternatively call 0871 472 0400.

A bear hunt

THE story of a family who go on the exhibition of a lifetime is retold in 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', a children's show coming to the North Wall Arts Centre.

Based on the book by Michael Rosen, the puppetry production sees the characters exploring a forest, wading through a river and peering into a cave, to see what they will find.

Three shows at 11am, 1.30pm and 4.30pm will take place tomorrow and Saturday, costing £7. To book, go to www.thenorthwall.com or call 01865 319450.

In Narnia

NARNIA is brought to life, as a production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe will be staged at Henley's Kenton Theatre from Monday.

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Tickets cost £26.90 for an 8pm start. To book, go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or call 0844 971 3020.

Kieran Hurley

KIERAN Hurley presents his new show 'Beats', a mix of story-telling and visual music, which comes to the North Wall Arts Centre on Wednesday.

It tells the story of Johnno McCreadie, a Scottish teenager living at the times when raves had been outlawed. Go to www.thenorthwall.com for more information.

LONDON-BASED four-piece band Vuvuvultures come to the O2 Academy on Wednesday, performing songs from their debut album Push/Pull, as well as a couple of tracks yet to be released.

Vuvuvultures have been busy making a name for themselves during the last two years, with shows across the UK, Europe and a tour of Brazil earlier this year.

They released their first self-titled EP in 2012, and have been increasing their popularity ever since.

Made up of vocalist Harmony Boucher, bass player Nicole Bettencourt Coelho, guitarist Paul Ressel and drummer Matt Christensen, Vuvultures are currently completing a 10-date tour of England.

Speaking about the upcoming show, Harmony said: "It will probably be dark, moody, and loud, very loud."

Nicole added: "We're playing two new tracks as well. We've written a few songs since we released the album, and we got really excited by it so we decided we're going to try them live on tour.

By Adam Flinn
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

"The reaction to the album has been pretty good. People seem to love it or hate it, but I'd rather it had a reaction than no reaction.

"We're just excited to do another one really. We've started writing already, so hopefully we'll get back in the studio next year."

As for the band's name, Vuvuvultures was formed by a combination of random words coming together, and the four members agreeing on it.

Harmony said: "It came from months of annoying friends with different names. Basically we came up with about 400 names, and that was the only one we agreed on."

Nicole said: "We chose random words from books we were reading for example, and somehow Vuvuvultures came out of that. We wanted something we could give our own meaning to."

Doors open at 6pm, and tickets cost £8. For booking information, call 0844 477 2000.

• *Vuvuvultures make their first ever visit to Oxford on Wednesday*

Calendar Girls

PERFORMANCES of the famous story Calendar Girls, based on the screenplay by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth, are being staged at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre from Tuesday.

A group from a Yorkshire branch of the Women's Institute persuade each other to pose for a charity calendar, but end up revealing more than they had intended.

Tickets for the show cost £9. For more information and a list of start times, call 01295 297002 or go to their website: www.themillartscentre.co.uk.

Jazzing it up

JAZZ musician Jacqui Dankworth comes to the Didcot Cornerstone tomorrow evening, accompanied by husband and blues keyboardist Charlie Wood.

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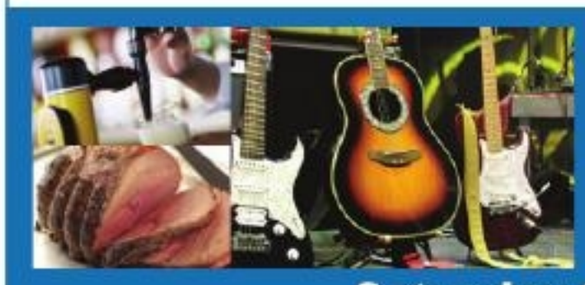
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Corrosive (7)
5 Occur again (5)
8 Pain (4)
9 Weight for athletes (8)
10 Tree (5,8)
13 Insect (4)
14 Always (4)
17 Questioning (13)
19 Vision (8)
20 Way out (4)
21 Examinations (5)
22 Plotter (7)

Quick Clues Down

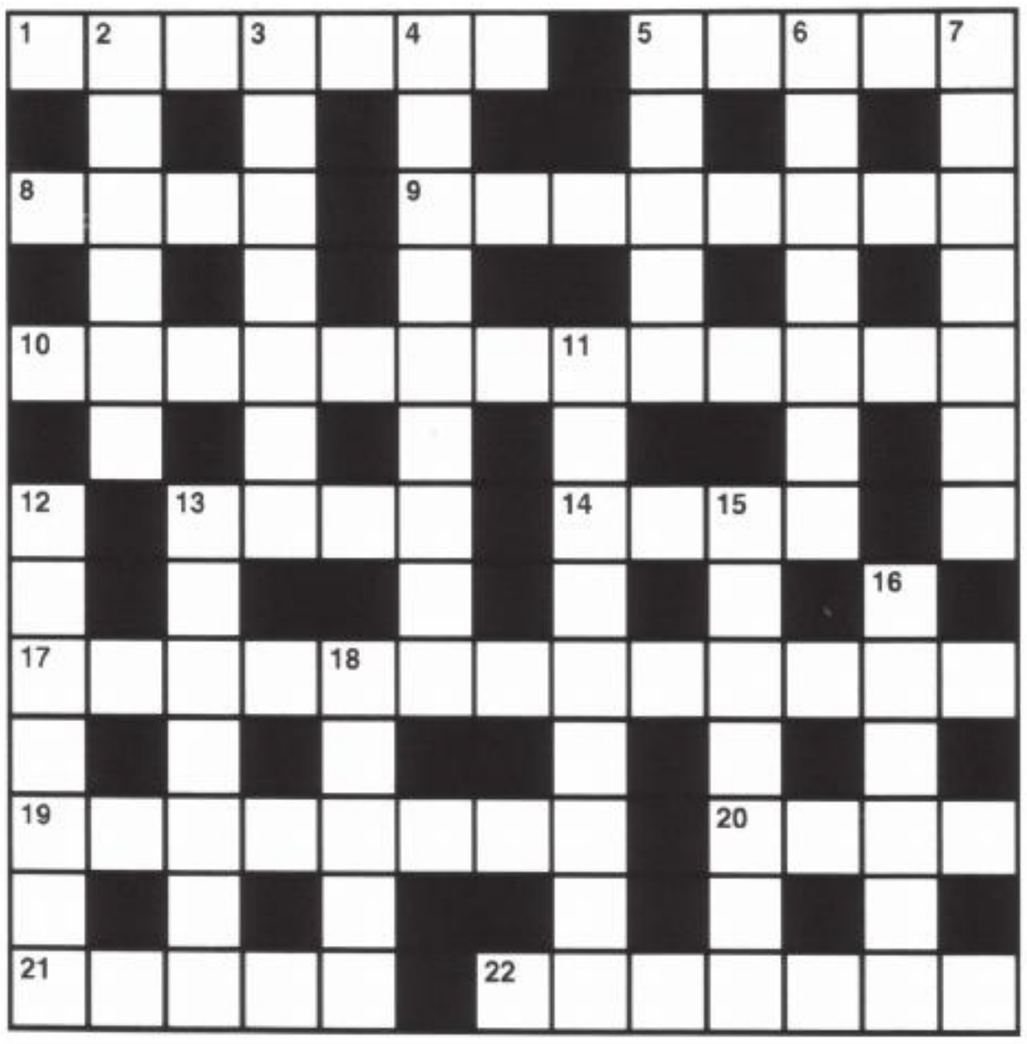
2 Nautical securing device (6)
3 Relation (7)
4 Pointer (9)
5 Garments (5)
6 More pure (7)
7 Narrated (7)
11 Vigorous (9)
12 Threepronged implement (7)
13 Accumulates (7)
15 Utmost (7)
16 Courteous (6)
18 Destroys (5)

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Hold back the chorus (7)
5 Shapes the actors (5)
8 Lose one's step in the dance (4)
9 Somehow veins put years on face (8)
10 Reproducing for existence ends in scolding (13)
13 He has good taste (4)
14 Encourage 21 to lose his head (4)
17 With which the birdbrained housewife clears the house? (7,6)
19 Read aloud in part (8)
20 Tree in which you hear the sap rising (4)
21 Swell surgeon, who fails to get on (5)
22 Contrary to presentday poetry (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Strays include alternative mistakes (6)
3 Drive back the enemy although about beat (7)
4 Fine fable beggars description (9)
5 Feature a type of porcelain (5)
6 Where one doesn't mind being stranded (7)
7 It sounds a trifling trick (7)
11 Would he never have behaved in cavalier fashion? (9)
12 Where the schoolboy betrays his friends (7)
13 Hear about the girl? Who? Erica! (7)
15 Sure to get movement (7)
16 It's about places in the races (6)
18 He gets a welcome lift (5)



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Last week's solutions

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6	1	2	8	3	7	9	5	4
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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Speaker 5 Treat 8 Fall 9 Opposite 10 Unwillingness 13 Ogre 14 Vast 17 Investigating 19 Roomiest 20 Sawn 21 Dusky 22 Prayers

Down: 2 Plains Allying 4 Emollient 5 Thong 6 Evident 7 Tresses 11 Navigator 12 Stirred 13 Obvious 15 Satisfy 16 Answer 18 Slimy

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Aridity 5 Based 8 Purr 9 Aquarium 10 Thunderstorms 13 Seem 14 Atop 17 Praying mantis 19 Stranger 20 Bear 21 Elder 22 Freshen

Down: 1 Roughs 3 Derange 4 Tradesman 5 Blast 6 Stirrup 7 Damasks 11 Stammerer 12 Impasse 13 Starred 15 Omnibus 16 Pirate 18 Inner

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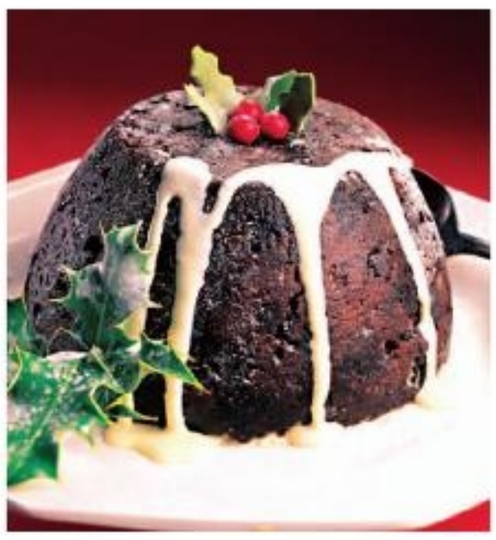
Even in October when the summer sun is occasionally popping up for a cameo appearance getting bookings made for that Christmas bash or hotel stay for any visiting relatives is vitally important to avoid disappointment.

Right then, it's deadline time, what do you do? First off, assuming you haven't booked yet start looking through these pages and try to get ideas for what you want to do and then get on the phone.

The one booking that all of us seem to get involved in is the Christmas party or the meal out. Whether it is for workmates, family, or friends the basic rules are the same, you have to try to find something that appeals to everyone.



Friends and family should be easy to organise but the guys and girls you work with can be more of a problem.

A few basic guidelines should be adhered to.

Where to go is the big question. Almost certainly, you'll want to find a venue that is near to work.

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needs to be convenient for taxis, buses or walking. If you're planning on staying in one venue all evening, then it should also be convenient for people getting home later. If the party is going to carry on to other venues afterwards, then you may need to find somewhere centrally located for more bar and club options.

And how big? You'll need a room that can fit in everyone comfortably. Cram them all into a place that's too small and you'll no doubt start to see people leave half-way through the evening. On the other hand, a place too big will see the group start to separate into clicky groups.

Try to check out the venue on a busy weekend night to see how it feels with different groups of people sharing the place.

Food can be a tricky call to make. Some will try anything, some are more set in their ways and probably don't want their first experience of Sushi to be at the Xmas bash. Most restaurants, bars, and pubs have a range of meals outside their speciality, especially at Christmas so get copies of the menus faxed or emailed to you and get them approved early on by those attending.

And most importantly - price. Whether you're in charge of the money or just booking it for everyone, it's a fair bet that you'll have a set budget for the party. Not everyone has the same amount of money to spend so you will need to find a venue that provides value for money, and arrange natural breaks in the evening so anyone who has spent enough doesn't feel they look bad by leaving with everyone else still there.

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Saving plants from the winter chill

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By **Hannah Stephenson**

I LOOKED out on my patio a few days ago to see a pelargonium I planted back in May coming into flower yet again, at a time when most of my summer pots have been emptied.

Despite a lot of rain, it's been a mild October, and this may lull many of us into a false sense of security about how long we leave it before offering our plants some protection from the winter chill.

As I live in a frost pocket, the pelargonium is going to come under cover soon. If you have pots of pelargoniums (bedding geraniums) which you want to enjoy next year, put them inside too, in a light, frost-free place such as a slightly heated greenhouse, a sheltered porch next to the house or an unheated spare room or conservatory, cutting them back to 10cm (4in). Don't expose them to warm central heating or they'll just wilt when you put them out next year.

Fuchsias, which lose their leaves entirely and spend winter looking like bare sticks, will need the same treatment. You'll hardly need to water them at all until growth resumes in spring, at which point you can repot them into John Innes No 2 potting compost and harden them off before placing them outside when the risk of frost has passed.

Marguerites (Argyranthemums) will also not stand any frost and are best dug up and potted, cut back by half and kept in a dry, cool, frost-free place that has sunlight through the winter, like a cool greenhouse. Water them sparingly to keep their roots dry until spring, when you can start to water them more frequently.

If you don't have heating in your greenhouse, insulating your more tender plants with bubble wrap can make a huge difference, especially if you buy the fixing clips which separate the glass from the bubble wrap, creating a thin pocket of insulating air between the glass and the wrap. Alternatively, you may have to venture out on really cold nights and cover your tender specimens with horticultural fleece to keep the winter chill at bay.

Pots of tender exotics such as citrus, palms and oleander which have graced your patio in summer will need to be moved back under cover, either into a cool conservatory or frost-free greenhouse, and will need to be watered sparingly throughout the winter. If your tender plants are simply too big to move, then wrapping them in hessian or horticultural fleece may be the answer.

Hopefully, a bit of TLC over the winter months will ensure that your plants are brought back to their full glory next summer.

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The wood life

Installing and maintaining wooden floorboards in your home

By **Julia Gray**

IF YOU have period floorboards in your home, lucky you. If you don't, it doesn't mean you are doomed to be unlucky though - installing wooden flooring is easier than ever before.

Period floorboards are often hidden under carpet, tiles or lino, waiting to be discovered and restored to their former glory. This process usually means sanding with an industrial floor sander and edger, which is hard, hot and dusty work. Although more expensive, employing someone to sand them for you is, in my opinion, well worth it. They usually include the cost of the wood stain or varnish in the price and they'll also be able to do the job quicker than you can.

Original floorboards often have modern boards mixed in where repairs have been done over the years, and painting these boards can disguise them better than using a stain or varnish (although dark stains and varnishes can work well). You can, of course, replace the new boards with old ones, but this can be expensive and time-consuming, with no guarantee they'll match perfectly when sanded.

All that said, original floorboards are a fantastic feature in a period house or flat and there's nothing more satisfying than revealing and enjoying them after years under cover.

What if you don't have original wooden boards? Laminate flooring, which has a picture of wood printed onto boards, is an inexpensive and easy way to copy the look. It's not as fashionable as it once was though, so instead, why not opt for wooden flooring boards that click together, with no nails, screws or glue required? This system is widely available to buy, easy to fit, it won't break the bank, and is possible for both engineered and solid wood flooring.

Engineered wood boards have a top layer of real wood, with cheaper layers underneath. The thickness of the wood layer varies, so make sure you know how thick it is and how many times, if any, it can be sanded. A floor that can be sanded a few times is a good investment because it can take more wear and tear.

As lovely as solid wood is, engineered wood can be a more practical choice because the layers give it added strength and durability. Unlike solid wood, it shouldn't shrink and expand when exposed to moisture and changes in temperature and humidity.

Most wooden flooring comes finished, sealed and ready to fit, but you can get bare wood if you want to stain, varnish or paint it yourself, either conventional floorboards or, again, boards that click together for easy fitting.

With everything considered, getting the wooden floor of your dreams could be a bit of a battle - but the result will certainly be worth it.

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Burning ambition

By **Damon Smith**

BUILDING on the robust foundations of last year's opening salvo, Catching Fire is a lean and muscular sequel, which strikes a pleasing balance between brawn and brains.

The final hour of Francis Lawrence's film might be devoted to the 75th annual Hunger Games, a televised battle royale pitting combatants against one another in a booby-trapped arena. Yet the director and scriptwriters Michael Arndt and Simon Beaufoy aren't in a hurry to bludgeon us with bloodshed and savagery.

They invest precious time in developing sinewy emotional bonds between characters and light the fuse on civil unrest that will explode in the concluding chapter, Mockingjay, which has been split into two films, a la Harry Potter and Twilight.

Unlike its predecessor, the second instalment didn't require UK censor cuts to its on-screen violence to secure an 12A certificate. Yet Catching Fire is every bit as unrelentingly grim and brutal, including a wince-inducing scene of flagellation at the hands of a sadistic commander (Patrick St Esprit) and a moment of heartbreaking self-sacrifice.

The film opens with resilient heroine Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) back in District 12, hunting alongside her beau, Gale Hawthorne (Liam Hemsworth).

They steal a kiss in secret before Katniss returns to the Victors' Village to continue her fake romance with Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson) for the cameras. President Snow (Donald Sutherland) is waiting for her.

"I think we'll make this whole situation a lot simpler by agreeing not to lie to each other," growls Snow, who threatens Gale's life if Katniss steps out of line.

Flanked by booze-sodden mentor Haymitch Abernathy (Woody Harrelson) and sartorially daring escort Effie Trinket (Elizabeth Banks), Katniss and Peeta tour the districts, scenting rebellion in the air.

Meanwhile, Snow recruits a new Games creator, Plutarch Heavensbee (Philip Seymour Hoffman), to stage a special anniversary tournament known as the Quarter Quell, which will pit the darlings of District 12 against former winners in the ultimate duel of death.

In the arena, Katniss and Peeta risk everything once again to keep each other alive, forging alliances with cocksure Finnick Odair (Sam Claflin) and his elderly mentor Mags (Lynn Cohen), quixotic duo Beetee (Jeffrey Wright) and Wiress (Amanda Plummer) and rabble-rousing loose cannon, Johanna Mason (Jena Malone).

Running six minutes longer that the first film, The Hunger Games: Catching Fire whets the appetite nicely for a devastating final stand. The script turns up the heat on the central love triangle to a brisk simmer, while Lawrence and Hutcherson expertly navigate their characters' conflicting emotions, leavened by comic relief courtesy of Stanley Tucci as flamboyant TV host Caesar Flickerman.

With an extra 50 million dollars in the sequel's budget, production design doesn't disappoint, not least costume designer Trish Summerville, who pulls out the stops for Effie's wacky wardrobe, including a dress festooned with monarch butterflies.

Most of the violence in the arena takes place off screen but as the cliff-hanger ending of the sequel makes clear, before every storm, there is a lull.

Take a deep breath, while you still can.

• *Elizabeth Banks, Josh Hutcherson and Jennifer Lawrence.*

The Hunger Games

RELEASED: November 21

RATING: 12A

RUN TIME: 146 mins

Action/Sci-Fi/Thriller/ Romance.

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By **Motoring Correspondent**
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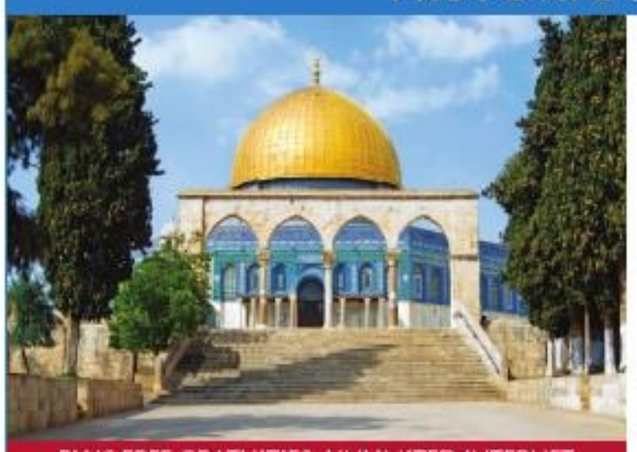

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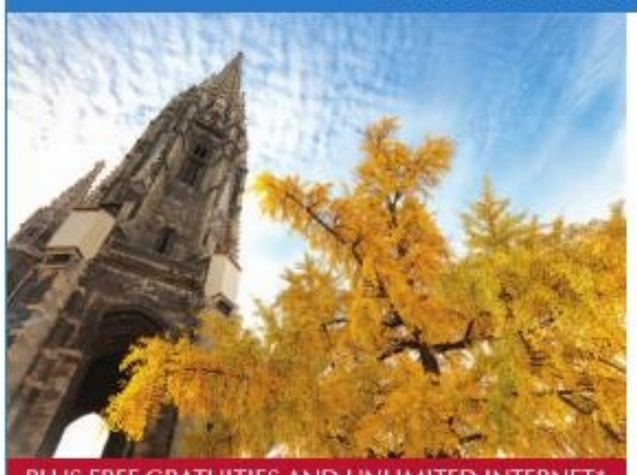

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Constable nets 100th goal as U's move top

JAMES Constable's 100th goal for the club helped Oxford United to a 3-1 win at Mansfield Town last Saturday, seeing the U's return to the top of League Two on goal difference.

United have taken 29 points from 16 games so far this season with a superior goal difference keeping them above Chesterfield and Rochdale.

Goals from Sean Rigg, Constable and Ryan Williams earned United their sixth win away from home this season, extending their unbeaten run on the road to eight games so far this campaign.

However, the win may have come at a price as both Andy Whing and Deane Smalley limped off in a hectic first-half that saw Mansfield's Jamie McGuire sent off for a two-footed tackle on Danny Rose.

Despite the injuries, United's assistant manager Mickey Lewis was pleased with what he described as an "excellent performance".

Lewis told the club: "We played some really good football and scored some really good goals but on top of that I thought we were really disciplined.

"Mansfield threw lots of things at us and when they went down to 10 men they were on the front foot so we had to defend well.

"It was a good all round performance. We won headers and tackles and matched them."

By Jack Johnson
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Rigg opened the scoring after 12 minutes, tapping into an empty net after Alan Marriott found Rose's shot too hot to handle, but Mansfield levelled in first-half injury time through Lee Stevenson.

However, Constable, who replaced the injured Smalley, neatly tucked away Williams' cross just moments later to restore United's lead at the break.

United put the game beyond Mansfield's reach when Williams turned in Rigg's low centre on 66 minutes for his second of the season.

Lewis added: "The third goal was really important.

"It doesn't kill the game totally but it gives you a bit more freedom to relax and I thought we moved the ball really well.

"I thought it was a good performance by everybody and Dave Kitson was outstanding."

United's FA Cup first round replay at Gateshead was postponed last night due to torrential rain.

On Saturday, the U's welcome Morecambe to the Kassam Stadium.

Mansfield Town 1
Oxford United 3

• *James Constable is now the second highest goalscorer in Oxford United's history (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Wantage and Nomads out

WANTAGE Town and Oxford City Nomads were knocked out of the FA Vase on Saturday, with both being beaten in the second round away from home.

Nomads were defeated 1-0 against Blackfields and Langley, while Wantage lost 3-0 after making the lengthy trip to Plymouth Parkway.

But Kidlington progressed to the next round with a 3-0 win over Tavistock, and will play Bodmin Town at home on the weekend of December 7/8.

However they couldn't repeat their good form on Tuesday, as they lost 2-0 to Ardley United in the Hellenic Premier League.

Meanwhile, Thame United suffered a heavy 4-0 defeat against Ascot United on Tuesday evening, following on from their 2-0 win over Flackwell Heath on Saturday.

Abingdon Town lost 5-2 away to Holyport on Tuesday, but were able to pick up their fifth point of the season with a 1-1 draw with Newbury.

Wantage were in action with Cheltenham Saracens while Oxford City Nomads faced Bracknell Town last night as the Guardian went to press.

Kidlington face Highworth Town on Saturday, with Nomads playing Thame United and Wantage up against Abingdon Town.

Trio of woes for Henley; Chinnor lose

HENLEY Hawks lost their third consecutive match on Saturday, as they were defeated 39-24 by Wharfedale to drop to 10th in the SSE National League 1 table.

The result could have been worse, however, as Hawks began a fightback at half-time with the score at 36-9, with tries coming from Xavier Andre and Mark Bruce.

But it was not enough to make up the difference, and Hawks look to their home game against Blackheath on Saturday to record their first win of November.

Meanwhile, Chinnor suffered a narrow defeat with their long trip to Cornish All Blacks on Saturday, losing 22-20.

They are now sixth in the SSE National League 2 South, and will look to return to winning ways when they host Southend on Saturday.

Oxford Harlequins and Grove are also in action on Saturday, as the two Oxfordshire sides face each other in the South West 1 East.

Fighting talk from boxer Andrew

A CHOLSEY man is preparing for the fight of his life, as the undefeated semi-pro boxer bids to win the Southern Area Cruiserweight Title at the end of the month.

Andrew 'Stanno' Stanley, 25, will face experienced 35-year-old opponent Lee Renshaw, in a fight that will be screened on Eurosport on November 30.

"I'm feeling confident," said Andrew. "Training has gone great. There is a saying: 'train hard, fight easy', and that's exactly what's going to happen.

"It is mainly about fitness to keep up speed as well as ability. I'm on top of my game and that title's already got my name on it!"

He has been on an arduous training regime in recent months, as he targets a weigh-in weight of 14stone 4lbs.

Andrew took up boxing six years ago and helps with training people at South Moreton Boxing Club, while working at Howbery Business Park as his day job.

John Ormston, chief executive of Howbery Business Park, said: "He is very dedicated when it comes to boxing and I know he is extremely disciplined about his training and diet.

"There is a lot of support from colleagues at the park, and we hope to see him return to Howbery as the Southern Area Champion!"

Andrew is hoping to win the Southern Area Cruiserweight Title.

Sport Bites

Stars on song

OXFORD City Stars returned to winning ways in the National Ice Hockey League Two South on Sunday, with a dominant 10-1 win at home to the Peterborough Islanders.

Alan Green and Darren Elliott both picked up hat-tricks, Jacob Smith scored a brace while Joe Oliver and Warren Jones got a goal each.

Stars stay second in the standings, two points behind leaders Slough Jets but with two games in hand, who are the opponents coming to Oxford on Saturday.

Edged out

OXFORD Hawks had a close match with South League Premier 1 leaders Spencer, but ultimately lost 2-1 at home after a tough start.

Hawks were one behind in the first two minutes, a lead the visitors doubled after half-time before Dave Cresswell was able to pull one back for the hosts.

They are back in action on Saturday, when they host Milton Keynes.

A home run

ABINGDON runner Paul Fernandez took two and a half minutes off the Rugged Radnage 10k, as he took victory in the multi-terrain event with a time of 36:39.

Fernandez was more than a minute ahead of second-placed Eddie O'Gorman, at the course situated in the Chiltern Hills.

Charlie Stone, also of Abingdon, was 12th overall with a time of 42:27, with Julian Moore (Abingdon) 34th in 46:25.

Penalty woe as City crash out of FA Vase

DARREN Pond's last minute penalty miss saw Oxford City cruelly miss out on the chance to earn an FA Vase third-qualifying round replay against Hendon last Sunday.

Trailing 2-1, City had a great chance to avoid an upset against the Ryman League Premier Division side but Pond saw his injury time spot kick saved by Berkley Laurencin.

Declan Benjamin had given City the lead just before half-time but goals from Kyle McCluskey and Anthony Thomas ultimately earned Hendon the win.

Mike Ford's men will now look to put the defeat behind them as they travel to Guiseley in the Skrill North this Saturday.

The Hoops are currently on a two-match unbeaten run in the league and are 18th in the table with 12 points.

A win at Guiseley this weekend would be City's first away victory from home this campaign.

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CHAIRMAN - NO DECISION YET

We must be sure we have the right candidate - Blackmore

ABINGDON United chairman Debbie Blackmore says no decision will be made on a new manager until she is sure they have the right candidate.

United have been without a manager since Paul Noble left the club by mutual agreement two weeks ago, while experienced first team players Graham Edney, Scott Davis and Gareth Tucker have been placed in temporary charge of the team.

"No decision has been made yet, it is still early days," said Mrs Blackmore.

"We just want to make sure we make the right appointment when we are ready."

By Jack Johnson
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Mrs Blackmore previously said she has received six managerial applications, adding: "We're pleased, we're very pleased.

"But nothing will be announced immediately. We just want to make sure we have got the right candidate."

On the pitch, things are looking up for United as a Matt Woodley hat-trick helped United to a 4-3 win over Wootton Bassett Town last Saturday.

The win, only their third of the season, sees United remain second from bottom in the Hellenic Premier Division but they are now four points above basement side Abingdon Town.

And United made it three games unbeaten on Tuesday night, beating Carterton 4-0 in the second round of the Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup.

Hellenic Division One East side AFC Hinksey are United's third round opponents with the tie scheduled for January 25.

Meanwhile, Mrs Blackmore confirmed husband and club secretary John Blackmore does have an infection to the wound in his back but is on antibiotics.

"He's not doing too bad," she said.

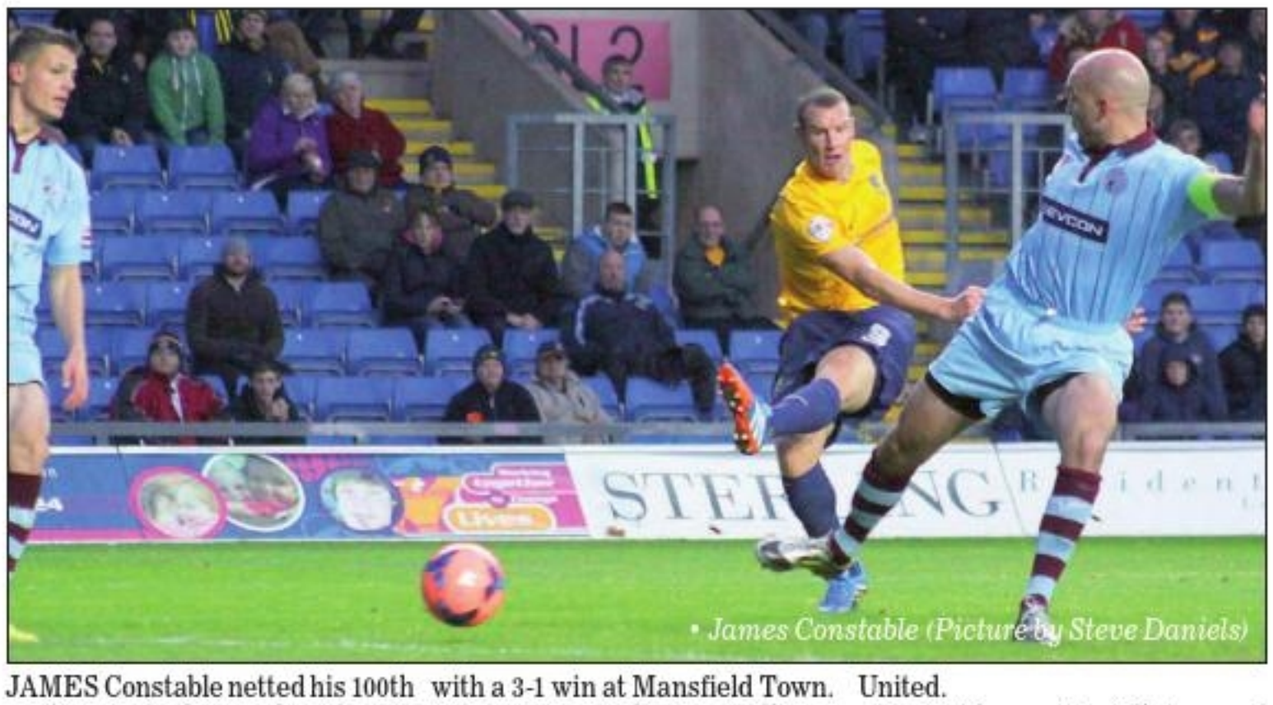
"We've had a few little hiccups with an infection in his wound which he is now on antibiotics for, but apart from that he is up and walking which is good."

This weekend United welcome Binfield to the Northcourt.

Carterton	0
Abingdon United	4

• *Matt Woodley, right, seen here in action against Ardley, netted a hat-trick for Abingdon United in Saturday's win over Wootton Bassett Town (Picture by Chris Janes)*

Striker Constable is 100 not out



• *James Constable (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

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Sean Rigg and Ryan Williams were also on the scoresheet for United.

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